

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brentwood City Manager Michael “Mike” W. Walker on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Michael “Mike” W. Walker is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as the Brentwood City Manager and who will be taking a much deserved retirement on January 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, as the longest-serving city manager in Brentwood’s forty-two-year history, Mr. Walker has provided its citizens with much-needed stability and has dedicated himself to protecting the public trust; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he has put his analytical mind and charming personality to work to create solutions that strengthen government and benefit the public it was intended to serve; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his hard work and determination, Mr. Walker succeeded in turning the local economy around and overseeing its tremendous growth, even while operating with a balanced budget and large reserves; and

WHEREAS, some benefits that Brentwood enjoys include the same effective property tax rate for the duration of Mr. Walker’s leadership, a AAA bonding rating from two major credit rating agencies that exceeds that of most nations in the world today, and a resilient economy that has resisted the worst ills of a nationwide economy that still struggles to recover; and

WHEREAS, his invaluable contributions earned him the Tennessee City Manager of the Year Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his responsibilities as city manager, he has been actively involved in his community, serving a three-year term as vice president on the executive board of the International City/County Management Association, president of the Tennessee City Management Association, and member of the Brentwood Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of High Point College in High Point, North Carolina, Mike Walker earned his master's in public administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Mr. Walker looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Linda, and his children, Lauren, Evan, and Travis, whose love and support have been invaluable to him throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mike Walker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the good people of Brentwood and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Michael "Mike" W. Walker on his exceptional twenty-two-year career as the City Manager of Brentwood, commend his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.